

## HERRING WASHED ABOARD VESSEL.

### Peculiar Experience of Sch. Juno of This Port.

It's pretty nice to have your fish come to you. It is not a common experience, but it fell to the lot of Capt. John Stream of the sch. Juno, of this port, which arrived here last night after landing her fine fare of fresh halibut at Portland. But it was not the halibut which came to the Juno; it was herring.

"Herring," said the captain, "I never saw them thicker in my life. Why, there are millions and millions of herring to the eastward, along the Nova Scotia coast. Let me tell you an incident that happened on this trip. One rough night, when we were sailing along, we ran directly into a school of herring. You could see them as far as the eye could reach. The schooner labored pretty hard and several times during the night her rails went under the seas. We were right into the middle of the school of herring at the time. When the schooner freed herself and the waters washed off, the herring remained on the deck. Some people may not believe this, but it is perfectly true, and not unusual. I had some of the big herring fried for breakfast the next morning, and they were as fine fish as I ever tasted."

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#### Sch. Susan and Mary Spoken.

Capt. J. Henry Larkin of sch. Onato reports speaking sch. Susan and Mary on the Peak a few days ago, with 60,000 pounds of fresh cod on board.

#### Bait Scarce.

No herring at Provincetown today. There are very few alewives at Boston today. Sand eels are bringing \$8 per barrel at T wharf this morning.

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#### Fitting for Trips.

Capt. Colin C. Nickerson will now fit sch. Mattie D. Brundage for a Georges trip.

Capt. Peter Nelson is fitting sch. Ramona for a flitted halibut trip.

Capt. Edward Graves is fitting sch. Fish Hawk for Georges halibuting.

#### Stocked \$264 on Fresh Fish Trip.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$264 as the result of her recent big fresh fish trip, the crew sharing \$60 clear for their 12 days work.

#### Sch. Juno Stocked \$2300.

Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, weighed off 35,000 pounds of halibut on her fare at Portland early in the week, stocking \$2300, the crew sharing \$63.70 clear.

#### Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 4 cents for gray.

#### Alewives At Edgartown.

B. G. Collins wires the Times that there are plenty of alewives at Edgartown selling at 60 cents per hundred.

#### Will Fit Sch. Admiral Dewey.

Capt. James Hayes has arrived to fit sch. Admiral Dewey for flitted halibuting.

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#### THE LOBSTER QUESTION.

Senator Keith of Plymouth, for the committee on fisheries and game, reported a resolve in the senate yesterday for an investigation of the lobster question by the fish and game commission in place of a bill providing that lobsters must be sold only in the shell, which was adopted.

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#### Sch. Dictator Home.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived here this morning from Portland, where she landed her fresh halibut. Capt. Thompson, who is suffering severely with rheumatism in one of his legs, was taken to the Addison Gilbert hospital for treatment.

## FISH NEWS DULL AT PORTLAND.

### Three Brothers Engaged in the Lobster Fishery.

Wednesday was one of the duller days in the fishing business known for a long time, there being practically nothing doing except the fish coming out of the Gloucester sch. Dictator and a few of the small boats. Larger receipts are looked for later in week, as most of the fleet were out Wednesday.

#### Wednesday's fishing arrivals:

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining, in for harbor.

Sch. Island Gem, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Laconia, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, which has been hauled up at Union wharf all winter, is now undergoing extensive repairs preparatory to sailing for the Grand Banks after salt cod. She has just been supplied with a new main gaff and two jaws, and will be hauled out on the marine railway for cleaning and painting besides other work. She will sail in command of Capt. Burgess.

There was a new skipper on board sch. Ralph K. Grant, when she came into port Wednesday. He is Capt. Griffin and he takes the place of Capt. George Shaw of Bouldsboro. Capt. Griffin was formerly in the George R. Smith. Capt. Shaw will become the skipper of the sch. Sadie Kimball. The Grant will load with canned goods from the Portland Packing Co.

Taking advantage of favorable winds sch. Lillian, Capt. Norwood, got out of the harbor Wednesday on her way to Tremont to load with clam bait for Gloucester. Sch. E. T. Hamer, cleared and sailed for Friendship.

Three brothers, all of the same name and all in the lobster business are the Captains Burns. Just at present they are in Nova Scotia waters or on their way there after the toothsome crustaceans and will bring fares back to Portland. Several days ago sch. Edith M. Thompson in command of Capt. Elbridge P. Burns sailed from Friendship for the Provinces. Tuesday sch. Etta M. Burns in command of Capt. J. E. Burns got away from here and Wednesday sch. Fanny Belle, the skipper of which is Capt. L. H. Burns, cleared from the custom house to follow to Lockeport, N. S. It is not unusual to find two brothers, both in command of vessels and both in either the fish or the lobster business, but this is probably the only instance on the New England or the whole Atlantic coast where there are three brothers, all commanding craft of one kind and all doing business in the same waters at the same time.

#### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Senator arrived at Portland this forenoon with a fare of 24,000 pounds of halibut.

#### Fresh Bait Scarce.

The fishermen are having hard times finding fresh bait. The traps at Provincetown are yielding nothing and very little is coming to T wharf. Yesterday morning the vessels that were anxious to get out bought alewives, although the price asked was high for bait. The vessels that went to Provincetown found nothing but frozen bait there, except a few sand eels, which were taken by one of the captains, who considered himself fortunate to get them.

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#### Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Robert B. Porper of sch. Cavalier reports speaking schs. Preceptor and Monitor on Burgeo bank.

Capt. Albert Hubbard of sch. Susan and Mary reports speaking schs. Theodore Roosevelt and Smuggler of the salt bank fleet, on the Peak recently.

#### Herring Struck in at Nova Scotia.

The spring run of herring has struck in at Mainadieu, C. B. One fisherman got 400 Saturday.

Spring herring has struck in at North Sydney harbor during the past week and local fishermen have been making fairly good catches.

## T WHARF PRICES STILL RUN LOW.

### But Few Fish at the Wharf This Morning.

Few fish, low prices, and a very dull market tells the whole T wharf story today. The old fish wharf is a pretty dull place this morning.

There are nine market boats in the fares generally running small. Schs. Athena and Annie Perry have around 20,000 and 25,000 pounds of cod and haddock and sch. Teresa and Alice, from the Maine coast has 57,000 pounds, about all cusk and hake. Sch. George H. Lubee has about 31,000 pounds and these too, are about all hake and cusk.

Shore haddock are moving at \$1.25 with large cod at \$2 and \$2.25. Hake are quoted at 90 cents to \$1.75.

Shad have shortened up again in New York, and only a few are being sent to Boston. Bluefish, however, are coming in quantities. The fish are small yet, but the price is low, considering the quality of the fish. The big lot of alewives that were seen about Hyannis a few weeks ago appear to have gone, and very few are coming from there to the market. Connecticut rivers are providing alewives now, and Tuesday a good sized lot was received from there at Boston, and more were expected yesterday.

The receipts and prices in detail are as follows:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. George H. Lubee, 1500 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Mettacommet, 8000 haddock.

Sch. Nokomis, 15,000 haddock.

Sch. Athena, 24,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Eva Avina, 500 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 11,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, 90c to \$1.75.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladiator was at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Smuggler was at Canso, N. S., Tuesday and cleared.

Twelve Lunenburg fishing vessels passed north by Mulgrave, N. S., Tuesday.

Schs. Avalon, Arkona, Lillian, John R. Bradley and Gladiator sailed from Liverpool, N. S., yesterday. On the run across the bay from here sch. Lillian carried away her main topmast and had a new one made at Shelburne and set up.

#### Caught Salmon Off Halibut Point.

Gen. Stopford, proprietor of the Old City Fish Market, Salem, has on exhibition at his store, a handsome fresh salmon, weighing 30 pounds. The fish was caught on Wednesday afternoon off Halibut Point, Rockport. A fish of this size in this species is something very out of the ordinary. It is as bright as a silver dollar, after leaving the mint and makes a handsome sight.

#### Chinook Salmon at Boston.

Fine Chinook salmon from California are coming to the market now daily. The quantity is not large, but the price is comparatively low. The eastern salmon are not coming as fast as was hoped, and those who handle them at Boston cannot understand why the fishermen hold them back. Penobscot salmon are also coming slowly and in small lots.

#### Provincetown Fish Notes.

The Times wants a Provincetown correspondent, one who can send news daily particularly regarding the fishing industry, the arrivals, baitings, sailings, fares, bait catches and general fish news. The Times would like to hear from some gentleman, acquainted with vessels, fishing and bait doings. Address F. E. Smith, managing editor, Daily Times, Gloucester, Mass.

#### Live Lobsters at Boston.

There was a large quantity of live lobsters on the Halifax steamship at Boston yesterday and a larger quantity on the Yarmouth steamship. The latter had 683 crates and the former 464 crates. Both vessels had salmon, the Yarmouth one 14 boxes and the Halifax one seven boxes.



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## POLLOCK IN GOOD RECEIPT.

Some Fresh Fish Fares Also at This Port Today.

Pollock is the feature fish here today. The big fleet of little steamers and schooners found fish off here yesterday and all got some, the catches ranging from 2000 to 25,000 pounds. The boats began to come in yesterday afternoon and before this morning 15 of the fleet had been in, landing in all about 180,000 pounds.

Steamer Nomad had the largest fare 25,000 pounds, steamers Jeffery and Joppate had 20,000 pounds each. Steamers Unknown, Bryda F. and Alice also had good trips. With the exception of one small fare the fish all went to split.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, came in from Burgeo bank with 28,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

Sch. Susan and Mary, Capt. Albert Hubbard, arrived along toward night from the Peak, with 90,000 pounds of fresh codfish and sch. Thomas A. Cromwell also came in from the eastward with 95,000 pounds of fresh fish.

This morning sch. Emily Sears of the Ipswich bay fleet came in with 30,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The pollock fleet all went out again during the night and early morning, but it is blowing pretty heavy today and the chances are very much against them doing any fishing.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Burgeo Bank, 28,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, LaHave Bank, 95,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Susan and Mary, Peak, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Emily Sears, Ipswich Bay, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Steamer Water Witch, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Beatrice E. shore 2000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Alice, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Nomad, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Jeffery, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Joppate, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Mystery, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Nickerson, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 16,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 3500 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Harmony, via Boston.  
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Florida, shore, 18,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Hobo, shore.  
Sch. Dictator, via Portland.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, disabled.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.  
Steamer Herbert and Emma, pollock seining.  
Steamer Quoddy, pollock seining.  
Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.  
Steamer Unknown, pollock seining.  
Steamer Mystery, pollock seining.  
Steamer Bessie A., pollock seining.  
Steamer Joppate, pollock seining.  
Steamer Jeffery, pollock seining.  
Steamer Alice, pollock seining.  
Steamer Beatrice E., pollock seining.  
Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.  
Steamer Herbert and Emma, pollock seining.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddocking.  
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, south mackerel netting.

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### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.  
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt headline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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### POWERBOATS FOR FISHING.

Many Now Used on the Coast of Norway and France.

The cod fishing far north, on the west coast of Norway, so much nearer the coast than other cod fisheries, has brought the power boat into special demand for that purpose.

Consul Taylor of Slavanger reports to Washington that there are 5000 fishing boats on the west coast alone, in a comparatively small water area, and that the catch of cod between February 1 and the last of this month will exceed 40,000,000. This opens a market praised by the consular service for the power boat possibilities.

Power boats have supplanted sailing boats in the sardine fishing at Arachon, France. From 150 to 175 such fishing pinnaces enable the fishermen there to make quick runs over the dangerous bar to the fishing grounds and return with an increased catch, reports Vive Consul Wise of Bordeaux.

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## DOES NOT AFFECT THE NORTH SHORE

New Seine Bill No Menace to Local Fishermen.

Through the efforts of Representative Clarence J. Fogg of Newburyport, a bill that would prohibit the use of sweep seines along the coast has been so amended that it will not affect the coast north of Boston.

This legislation was petitioned for by a number of citizens of towns on Cape Cod and when the committee on fisheries and game gave its public hearing it was favored by these people alone. The members from the north shore did not know among the 1500 measures before the legislature that such legislation was contemplated.

When the committee reported, however, and it was printed on the house calendar, the Newburyport member was quick to see that it meant serious trouble for the fishermen who go after herring and other fish used for bait if allowed to go through.

He had a series of conferences with friends of the bill in which he threatened all sorts of opposition if they persisted in their attempt to put such a bill through. Finally a compromise was agreed upon and the bill has been amended to apply only to a list of specified towns, all of which are located on Cape Cod.

It will not therefore affect the fishermen in Capt. Fogg's own district or this section of the state, and so of course he will not oppose the matter further.

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### Will Engage in Drift Fishing.

The fishing sch. Gertrude, which was at T wharf yesterday morning, landed her last trip of market fish for the season, and took on a large lot of ice. She will leave the market fleet, and will spend the summer in drift fishing to the eastward.

### Spoke Salt Bankers.

Capt. J. Henry Larkin of sch. Onato reports speaking the salt bankers Theodore Roosevelt, Bohemia, Smuggler, Lucinda I. Lowell and Mabel D. Hines on the Peak.

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## PORTLAND DEALERS WANT FREE FISH

Also Claim Duty Should Be Placed on Lobsters.

The Portland Press of yesterday comes out with the rather startling statement that Portland fish dealers favor reciprocity with Canada, that the duties on fish were put on to help out Gloucester and that they should be removed from fresh fish and reduced on salt fish. The Press also says a tax should be put on lobsters which come in free.

The article says:

"The agitation for Canadian reciprocity has struck for Portland in a place where the average man would not think it would make such difference. The dealers here, following the example of their fellows in Massachusetts, want to see the duty removed on fresh fish and the duty on salt fish cut down.

"As the Portland wholesale dealers look at it, the duty was originally placed on fish to help the town of Gloucester which does an immense business in both salt and fresh fish. As the law now stands, halibut, herring and salmon, coming here from Canada, are subject to a duty of three-quarters of a cent a pound, cod and haddock and all kinds of boneless fish, one and a quarter cents a pound. In return, United States haddock being shipped into Canada is subjected to a half-cent duty and finnan haddies to a whole cent.

"But there is a great difference in the lobster trade. When crustaceans from this country are sent into Canada, the Canadians collect one cent duty for every pound and 25 per cent. additional on the price of the lobsters. On the other hand, lobsters come into the United States duty free.

Duty and Freight Increase Cost of Fresh Fish One Cent a Pound.

"This is one of the unjust features of the tariff," said Hon. C. N. Trefethen when asked about the tariff discussion. "Here lobsters, which are generally regarded as a luxury, come into the United States without a cent of duty. Cod, haddock and the other fish, the kind that the average man buys, are dutiable. Not only is there the tax to pay when they are received, but added to this there are the freight rates which bring the price over a cent more than the same fish cost here. It looks to me as if the tax should be put upon the lobsters and the duty absolutely removed from fresh fish. The duty on salt fish is too high and should be cut down.

"When the tariff was originally framed, it was designed to benefit Gloucester. Now Portland fishermen do not go after halibut or salmon, so why should these industries be protected when Gloucester has about the whole fleet that catches these kinds of fish? Gloucester is a busy place and depends much upon its fish trade, but the business that Portland would do would not hurt Gloucester.

"With the duty removed on fresh fish into the United States, Canada would probably be willing to remove the duty on fresh fish into that country. Portland being so near Canada, could not fail to benefit and there would be large shipments to Montreal and other points. Under present conditions, the trade with Canada has practically been killed.

"The question of reciprocal trade relations with Canada is being agitated on all sides, and though I have been a staunch Republican all my life, I feel that the Republicans must do something to remedy the present conditions or it may mean the death of the party. There is no need of having a duty on meat and fish, the two things a man absolutely needs. If reciprocity is to be brought about, the duty must be removed on these commodities first." "The magnitude of the project will be so impressed upon the powers that be, that great good will come of it. If the work is placed on the continued contract list in the near future Senator Burton will receive credit for a part at least of such good fortune. It certainly will be an incentive for our senators and representatives to get busy for the furtherance of this great national work in Massachusetts.